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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Draft Minutes of the 10 February 1976
Intelligence Board Meeting

1. The attached draft minutes of the 10 February Intelligence Board meeting are submitted herewith for USIB consideration.

USIB ACTION REQUESTED

2. Board members are requested to advise the Secretariat by close of business 23 February 1976 of their approval or other views on the attached minutes.

Executive Secretary

Attachment

State Dept. review completed

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Minutes of
Seven-hundred-fifteenth Meeting
United States Intelligence Board
DCI Conference Room (7D64)
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1400 hours, 10 February 1976

Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. George Bush
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters, USA, Deputy Director of
Central Intelligence
Mr. Harold H. Saunders, Director of Intelligence and Research,
Department of State
Lieutenant General Eugene F. Tighe, Jr., USAF, Acting Director, Defense
Intelligence Agency
Lieutenant General Lew Allen, Jr., USAF, Director, National Security
Agency
Mr. William N. Morell, Jr., Department of Treasury Representative
to USIB
Major General Edward B. Giller, USAF, (Ret.), Energy Research
and Development Administration Representative to USIB
Mr. William O. Cregar, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
Representative to USIB

SERVICE OBSERVERS PRESENT

Brigadier General John A. Smith, USA, Acting for Assistant Chief
of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral James R. Sagerholm, USN, Acting Director of
Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Major General George J. Keegan, Jr., USAF, Assistant Chief of
Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force

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Mr. Bush opened the meeting with a few introductory comments to mark his first meeting as Chairman.

He said that he was not sure what would emerge from the White House regarding the organization of the intelligence community. He noted that, while he had a lot to learn, he was fully aware that the DCI's responsibilities regarding the intelligence community were terribly important. He recognized that there will always be some institutional competition and that such competition could be good on substantive intelligence issues. On other issues he hoped to serve a useful role in ameliorating differences through personal contact with the USIB Principals. Mr. Bush said that he believed any reorganization would still preserve the role of the DCI as envisioned in the 1947 statute; particularly his responsibility to provide the President and the National Security Council unbiased and objective intelligence.

Mr. Bush pointed out that at his swearing-in ceremony the President had reaffirmed the requirement that the DCI have personal access to the President on a regular basis. This has been formalized to the extent that he will have regular meetings with the President on Friday mornings. He said that this afforded an opportunity for the USIB Principals to communicate to the President through Mr. Bush if they had specific items which warranted such attention. In addition, Mr. Bush said that he would be included in meetings between the President and the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense on certain subjects. While stressing that he intended to stay out of policy matters, he thought that these procedures would provide enhanced access for the intelligence community at the highest levels of government.

Mr. Bush introduced [redacted] as his Special Assistant for substantive matters, noting also that he would continue to rely on the IC Staff for the majority of community-related matters.

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Mr. Bush also introduced [redacted] as his Executive Assistant to handle other matters for him such as scheduling, etc. [redacted] will be available to assist any USIB Principal who wants to meet with or contact him.

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1. Briefing on Sinai Support
Mission--Intelligence
Requirements

Mr. Knoche introduced Mr. William C. Kontos, Director of Sinai Support, Special Representative to the President, and Mr. Clayton E. McManaway, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Office of Management.

Mr. Kontos reviewed the origins and authorities of the Sinai Support Mission. Mr. McManaway provided a briefing on the role of the mission, its implementation concept, progress to date, future milestones, and the need for intelligence support. In the latter case, he noted that the Sinai Field Mission will be isolated and entirely dependent on outside sources for information. He said that consultations with INR/State, OCI of CIA and the ICS indicated that a 24-hour intelligence summary is feasible and should contain information on:

- a. General highlights of Middle East activities.
- b. Status of Israeli and Egyptian forces in the Sinai.
- c. Status of Israeli and other forces (Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, etc.)
- d. Key Israeli/Egyptian personages, actions/statements.
- e. Terrorist activity.
- f. United Nation's deliberations actions.

He noted that the Sinai Support Mission was working with the JCS on a contingency plan for evacuation of the Sinai Field Mission which will also require intelligence support. Mr. McManaway advised that there would be secure communications to the Field Mission and that key people would have the appropriate clearances.

During the discussion which followed, several Principals expressed concern about the details and scope of the intelligence support, [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. Bush said that, while it is recognized that intelligence must be made available to this Field Mission, the community needed assurances that there are adequate safeguards. He asked Mr. Kontos to advise the Board regarding specific measures which will be taken to insure adequate safeguards prior to a commitment as to what intelligence will be provided. Mr. Kontos agreed.

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2. Discussion of Strategic Warning
Staff Monthly Report

- (MR-1-76, 22 January 1976;

Mr. Knoche said that USIB was being asked to note the 27 January issue of the Strategic Warning Staff Monthly Report. He commented that this report was most relevant to the Strategic Warning Staff mission. With regard to reporting on Korea, he suggested that it would be valuable for the Strategic Warning Staff to be aware of "blue forces" information as it sometimes may help explain the military activities of the North Koreans. Mr. Knoche also reported that several favorable comments had been received on the bibliography.

In addition to the Monthly, Mr. Knoche said that the Strategic Warning Staff had issued a special report on [redacted] The conclusions were reprinted in the National Intelligence Daily and the National Intelligence Bulletin. Mr. Knoche encouraged this type of activity by the Strategic Warning Staff.

3. Implications of the 1975 Soviet
Harvest
(SNIE 11-6-76)

Mr. Whitman, the NIO for USSR and East Europe, introduced this subject noting that the SNIE had been prepared in response to a request from the NSC Staff. He expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the USIB Representatives.

In considering the SNIE the Board addressed several changes proposed by Treasury and State. During the discussion, General Keegan suggested that a chart be developed depicting the internal and external use of Soviet grains.

The SNIE was approved as amended. It was agreed that if time permitted, the aforementioned chart be included in the SNIE; otherwise it and, possibly, additional supporting information will be issued at a later date in the form of a Memorandum to Holders of SNIE 11-6-76.

No member raised objection to the release of the subject SNIE to USIA.

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The chairman convened the Board in executive session at 1512 hours to discuss several items including the following:

4. National Intelligence Distinguished
Service Medal

The Board approved the awarding of the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal to Lieutenant General Samuel V. Wilson, USA, for his outstanding service to the Intelligence Community.

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✓ Executive Secretary

Adjournment: 1540 hours

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. Approval of Minutes

a. USIB-M-711, 8 January 1976

All USIB members on 30 January telephonically approved the subject minutes.

b. USIB-M-712, 15 January 1976

On 29 January all USIB members had telephonically approved the subject minutes. The Acting DIA Member concurred subject to the deletion of "in DIA" on page 6, line 8. The NSA Member concurred subject to changes in the first paragraph on page 5. Revised pages five and six incorporating these changes are being circulated in a Memorandum for Holders-1 of USIB-M-712, 29 January 1976.

c. USIB-M-713, 16 January 1976

As of 29 January all USIB members had telephonically approved the subject minutes.

d. USIB-M-714, 23 January 1976

On 9 February all USIB members concurred in the subject minutes. The Acting Director, DIA, concurred with an addition to the end of paragraph one of Item two. A revised page 4, reflecting this addition and revised pages 6, 7 and 9, which reflect editorial changes, were circulated as a Memorandum for Holders of USIB-M-714, 10 February 1976.

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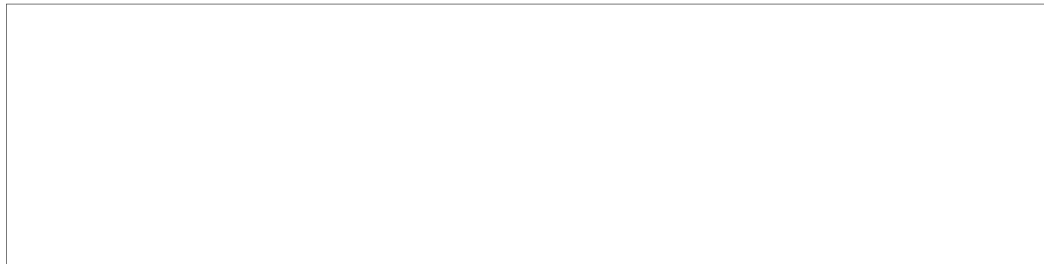


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2. USIB-S-29.1/36, 7 January 1976
(Limited distribution through
special channels)

On 24 January all USIB members telephonically concurred in the NSA proposal contained in the subject memorandum. The Office of the Director, NSA, has been advised of this Board action.



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Accordingly, the memorandum to the Chairman, JCS, from the Chairman, USIB, was dispatched on 3 February 1976.

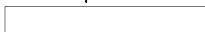
4. a. USIB-D-46.7/22, 26 June 1975
b. Memorandum for Holders-2 of USIB-D-46.7/22,
26 August 1975
c. Memorandum for Holders-3 of USIB-D-46.7/22,
1 October 1975

As of 5 January 1976 the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and the Secretary of Defense approved the USIB proposals contained in reference b. Accordingly, the DCI has



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THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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Mr. William O. Cregar
(FBI)

R/Adm James Sagerholm
(Navy)

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(Air Force)

Brig Gen John A. Smith, Jr.
(Army)

Lt Gen Vernon A. Walters
(DDCI)

Lt Gen Lew Allen, Jr.
(NSA)

Mr. George Bush
(DCI)

Lt Gen Eugene F. Tighe, Jr.
(DIA)

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Mr. William N. Morell, Jr.
(Treasury)

*Extra Chair

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